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The Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C.
RE: Comments on RM-11306

Dear Commissioners:

As a shortwave listener for over thirty years, and an amateur radio operator for fifteen years, I would like to state my opposition to the ARRL's bandwidth segmentation proposal, RM-11306.

I believe the present mode-based segmentation system is much better than what the ARRL proposes, and that acting favorably upon the ARRL's proposal would lead to chaotic conditions on the ham bands, greatly increasing the burden of enforcing the PART97 regulations.

Other countries are trying bandwidth segmentation, and have to deal with chaotic conditions and widespread interference conflicts. I believe it is the United State's place to lead, not follow in this matter and continue to segregate differing radio communications modes that do not coexist well when operated adjacent to each other.

The current mode-based band segmentation provides structure and protection that the large U.S. amateur radio population will not do well without. The chaotic conditions that the ARRL plan would bring on could only serve to undermine regulation of the amateur bands, and enforcement of those regulations. The ARRL has recently been attempting to take away some of the FCC's authority and make it their own, and I believe that RM-11306 is related to that effort.

The ARRL is not ready to effectively handle that responsibility, nor are they in a position to represent the needs and desires of the majority of U.S. amateur radio operators, and so I ask that you deny this proposal in its entirety.

Thank you for taking the time to give my comment a hearing.

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